

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Little Linguist.
Not until January will little Fannie Erdofy reach the mature age of 4 years, and yet she is perhaps the most accomplished young lady of her age in New York. Fannie illustrates in her charming little personality the irresistible law of heredity. She speaks fluently four languages, and when it is explained that her mother writes and speaks six lan-



guages and that her father has a glib acquaintance with 10, besides numerous allied dialects, the extraordinary infant is accounted for.

Arthur Erdofy, who is a registry clerk and interpreter at Ellis Island, was born 32 years ago in Budapest. His wife is also a native of the same ancient city on the Danube. He has the characteristic Magyar features as well as that special linguistic aptitude which distinguishes his race. He speaks English with great purity and has the further polyglot accomplishment of speaking Hungarian, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek (Romanic), Turkish, Finnish and that most rugged and difficult of all tongues, Basque. Mrs. Erdofy speaks fluently English, Hungarian, German, French and Slavonian, and so little Fannie has lived all her life in a philological atmosphere, where the air was thick with prepositions, adverbs and conjunctions. Instead of doll babies she played with irregular verbs, and the ablative absolute and the subjunctive mood have been familiar objects to her from her earlier infancy.—New York Press.

The Three "Tentions."

"I was some time since," says a certain writer, "at a railway station waiting for a train. On the platform, seated on a form, were an old gentleman and two little children. I could not help hearing the remarks which he was making to them, which were spoken in a pleasant and loving manner.

"Be sure," said he, "you do not forget the three 'tentions'—intention, attention and retention."

We might apply these "tentions" with much instruction in various ways, but children at school in particular may profit much by remembering them.

Let us take "intention" first. If a boy has a sum to work out or a lesson to learn by heart, he will not be likely to succeed unless he goes at it with a will or unless he "intends" to do it.

Secondly, "attention." If he is to succeed, he must withdraw his thoughts from toys, balls, kites and such like. He must not chatter with his schoolfellows, but he must for the time give his whole mind, or "attend," to the lesson before him.

Thirdly, "retention." It is of but little use to learn anything unless we remember it or "retain" it in mind.—Christian World.

A Little Musician.

Only 5½ years old, Edna Grace Hain with her tiny fingers can bring 30 different airs out of a piano. She has learned them all in the last seven months. If a key invisible to her be struck, she can instantly sound the corresponding key of another piano. Let the entire keyboard be covered with muslin or cloth, not too heavy to muffle, and she still makes good music by striking keys which she cannot see. Her first stroke on the unseen ivory may be a mistake, but in a moment she hits the right key and then proceeds unerringly. She cannot read music or words, but thoroughly understands the scale, quickly distinguishes half notes and keeps good time. If she hears a strange air two or three times, she can make her piano produce it.—Philadelphia Record.

Wonderful Singing Baby.

Little Marion Dungan, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dungan of Pottsville, Pa., surpasses any record yet set by a singing baby. She is but 17 months old, and her repertoire is quite a lengthy one, consisting of "Little Birdie in a Tree," "My Nollie's Blue Eyes," "The Minuet," "Sunshine Will Come Again" and many more. Though unable to pronounce many words, she sings the tunes perfectly and keeps perfect time.—Philadelphia Press.

My Chum.



If I say "boo," he'll scowl at you And wrinkle up and growl. But he won't bite a single bite Unless you run and howl.

—St. Nicholas.

MRS. CELIA PARKER WOOLLEY.

A Woman Who Is Making a Brilliant and Successful Preacher.

Celia Parker Woolley published her first novel, "Love and Theology," in 1887. It was a clever, resolutely radical little story, and the critics at once classed it with the "African Farm," "John Ward" and the renowned "Robert." Its author, however, has since then gone far ahead of Mrs. Deland, Mrs. Ward and even Olive Schreiner in the demonstration of her religious convictions. With "love" she had been tolerably conversant since her marriage in 1888, and by way of proving her familiarity with "theology" she accepted the pastorate of a church in Geneva, Ill. Up to that time Mrs. Woolley had had no intention of entering the ministry, although always attracted to the pulpit and its opportunities. Her career as a minister has been, however, eminently successful. She has aroused a fresh and widespread religious interest throughout not only her immediate community, but in Chicago itself, an hour's railway ride distant, many persons going out from that city every Sunday to attend services in Geneva. Mrs. Woolley's sermons during this as yet brief pastorate have had a wide range, dealing with the most vital and pressing problems of our day, as may be judged by the following topics, taken at random from her past year's calendar: "Industrial Armies Versus Industrial Citizenship," "Compensation," "Loved of Country," "A Story of Isben's Brand," and "Pilate's Question, 'What Is Truth?'" It is interesting to also note that of the three trustees of her church two, Mrs. Julia Plato Harvey and Mrs. Julia C. Blackman, are women. Mrs. Harvey is also well known to the world at large as the former first vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Woolley is by birth an Ohioan, although removing to Coldwater, Mich., at an early age. With the exception of a few years spent at the Lake Erie seminary—one of the Mary Lyons schools—at Painesville O., she was educated entirely in the town of her adoption. She was graduated from the Coldwater seminary in 1896 and two years later was married to L. J. H. Woolley. In 1878 they removed to Chicago, where she busied herself with contributions in prose and verse to journals both east and west. She was the Chicago correspondent of The Christian Register of Boston for eight years, and in 1890 became assistant editor of the Chicago Unity, holding the latter position for nearly three years. Her first essay in fiction was a short story published in Lippincott, which periodical has published much other of her work. The title of "Love and Theology" has, in later editions, been changed to "Rachel Armstrong," while two other novels from her pen have also appeared, "A Girl Graduate" and "Roger Hunt."

Mrs. Woolley has been and is a conspicuous member of that conspicuous organization, the Chicago Woman's club. For two years she was its president, and she is the present leader of its "Browning classes," her long experience as thinker and lecturer amply qualifying her for such responsibility. Within the past few weeks the club has appointed a committee of 25 to organize a "political equality league." Mrs. Woolley serving as chairman. As a lecturer and reader, she is perhaps better known in the west than in the east, although she is always sure to win appreciation, whatever the locality. During a recent visit to Boston she was the honored guest of two of the most notable societies, the Browning club and the New England Woman's club. Like her books, her "talks" are a mixture of literary interests with social problems, Voltaire, Ibsen, Margaret Fuller, George Eliot, Shakespeare and Tennyson each finding place in her programme. Mrs. Woolley was deeply interested in the world's parliament of religions, which distinguished body she has the honor to address upon "The World's Religious Debt to America." Altogether it is not as the brilliant novelist that she is to be regarded, but as the earnest and sincere thinker, eager to receive the truth, strong in the courage of her convictions and successful in a field where but few women have earned distinction.—New York Times.

To Keep Muslin Crisp.

To keep muslin dresses looking fresh they should not be allowed to hang in closets with wooden drawers or where the door is opened frequently. A dress that is kept in a wardrobe drawer retains its sparkling crisp look long after one that is left hanging in a much used closet. If you have no wardrobe drawer, lay the skirt in a bureau drawer and fold the skirt over the top—not at the bottom. Then put the waist in a dress box, with all the ribbons and accessories. If bureau drawers are scarce, there is still another plan. Buy half a dozen of the long dress boxes that grocers stores use to hold ready made gowns when sent home. Put the skirt and waist into one of these. These boxes can be piled under the bed or lounge, and so kept out of sight. Even the dampness that enters a room through an open window is sufficient to take the crispness out of muslins and organdies, and they never look as well afterward.

The Latest Fad.

The latest fashionable freak among women who are blessed with pretty hands is to wear an immense ring, like a Roman Catholic bishop's, on the first finger of the right hand. It used to be considered the height of vulgarity to place a ring on the index finger, but now this decoration is the dernier cri. The ring must be a superb one and must not partake of the slender and graceful daintiness of the "marquise" circle. It must be solid, big and respectably ecclesiastic in its appearance. The feminine mind, always desirous of presenting contrasted effects to poor humanity, sees the delicately sarcastic anomaly of a little, white, frivolous looking hand wearing a big, aggressively solid sort of ring.—New York Dispatch.



GREEN AS THE LETTUCE SHE BOUGHT.

The New Cook—Oh, please, mmm, the butcher says I'm to have five per cent. on orders. And I don't know what it means. Mistress—It means, cook, that we are going to have a new butcher.—Pall Mall Budget.

HE GOT.

A Visitor Whose Bump of Caution Was Too Greatly Developed.

An old man, with the appearance of a farmer, stood in the doorway of a Clark street business house, holding an ancient valise and gazing upon the surging throng. The proprietor of the place approached him, laid a hand on his arm and said pleasantly:

"My dear sir, loitering in this doorway is—"

"You needn't dear sir me," interrupted the farmer. "I know that I look like a hayseed, and that my whiskers grow the wrong way, and that my coat is covered with egg stains, but no oily tongued stranger can work me, by josh. I do live in the country, and I'm not ashamed of it, but I read the papers, and I'm up to all the dodges you fellows have, so if you are trying to work off a gold brick or want me to cash a draft for \$5,000 you are wasting your time."

"I am not that sort of a man. I am the proprietor—"

"Of a gambling house along here somewhere? Well, you can't pilot me to it. When I left home, my wife told me that I would be enchained before I got back, because my teeth are filled with sand bars and my clothes show where the calves have rubbed against me, and anybody would size me up as an old jay on a lay-off, but I read the papers, and no green goods man can work me for a cent. I know your racket, young man. You'll pump me for information about my home and neighbors and find out that I am Giles Overborek of Coles county, and then you'll leave me, and when I have walked a block along I'll see your garden with snuff in an inch thick on him, and he'll grab my hand and say, 'Hello, Mr. Overborek, how's things at Charleston?' And then I'll grab him and pry up the street car tracks with him. Oh, I tell you, I read the papers, if the English sparrows do build their nests in my hair, and no oily tongued stranger can get the edge on me."

Then the proprietor grabbed the farmer and jammed him into the corner of the doorway and cried:

"I'm proprietor of this place, and I do not allow loafing in the doorway. Do you hear that, you old lung tester? Now get!"

The farmer gathered up his valise and got.—Chicago Tribune.

Musical Item.



Pupil—If papa doesn't hear the piano going, he will come in and ask what's the matter.
Music Teacher—Don't I tell you to him dot, he's exercising her patience.—Texas Siftings.

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